

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION NO. : 10/633,350  
APPLICANT : Kral et al.  
FILED : August 1, 2003  
FOR : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DEACTIVATING  
ITEMS AND FOR MAINTAINING SUCH ITEMS  
IN A DEACTIVATED STATE  
CONFIRMATION NO. : 3716  
ART UNIT : 1744  
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***RESPONSE UNDER CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1744***

August 31, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.